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In Memoriam

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AMANDUS E. EINSPAHR

DIED IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY

IN BELGIUM

DECEMBER 24, 1944



MEMORIAL SERVICE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1945

3:00 O'CLOCK P. M.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

W. G. DITZEN, PASTOR

HOLSTEIN, NEBRASKA

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him: and He
shall bring it to pass." Psalm 37.5

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

"I'm But a Stranger Here" - - St. Paul's Luth. Choir

I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home;

Earth is a desert drear, Heav'n is my home.

Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev'ry hand;

Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home;

Short is my pilgrimage, Heav'n is my home;

And time's wild wintry blast Soon shall be over past;

I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.

There at my Savior's side Heav'n is my home;

I shall be glorified, Heav'n is my home.

There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best;

And there I, too, shall rest, Heav'n is my home.

Therefore I murmur not, Heav'n is my home;

What e'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home;

And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand.

Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home. Amen

Collect

Scripture Lesson

"Nearer, My God, To Thee" - - St. Paul's Luth. Choir

Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

E'en though it be a cross That raiseth me,

Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee,

Nearer, My God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

Tho' like the wanderer, The sun gone down,

Darkness be over me, My rest a stone,

Yet in my dreams I'd be Nearer, my God, to Thee,

Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

There let my way appear Steps unto heav'n;

All that Thou sendest me In mercy giv'n;

Angels to beckon me Nearer, my God, to Thee,

Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee. Amen

Memorial Address - - - Pastor E. O. Potratz,
Kearney, Nebraska

"Holy Father, in Thy Mercy" - - St. Paul's Luth. Choir

Holy Father, in Thy mercy Hear our anxious prayer;

Keep our loved ones who are absent 'Neath Thy care.

Jesus Savior, let Thy presence Be their light and guide;

Keep, oh, keep them in their weakness At Thy Side.

When in sorrow, when in danger, When in loneliness,

In Thy love look down and comfort Their distress.

May the joy of Thy salvation Be their strength and stay!

May they love and may they praise Thee Day by day!

Holy Spirit, let Thy teaching Sanctify their life;

Send Thy grace that they may conquer In the strife.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God the One in Three,

Bless them, guide them, save them, keep them,

Near to Thee. Amen.

Obituary

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn For Our Country - - - Congregation
(Congregation remains standing.)

God bless our native land! For her our prayer shall rise

Firm may she ever stand To God above the skies;

Thro' storm and night! On Him we wait.

When the wild tempests Thou who are ever nigh,

rave, Cuarding with watchful eye,

Ruler of wind and wave, To Thee aloud we cry,

Do Thou our country save God save the State! Amen.

By Thy great might.

Presentation of Scroll from Army and Navy Commission of
the Lutheran Church

Patriotic Exercises

Address by Representative of American Legion

Presentation of Gold Star Citation

Taps

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS AMANDUS EDWIN EINSPAHR

Private First Class Amandus Otto Edwin Einspahr, son of Hans F. Einspahr and his wife Amanda, nee Beal, was born January 19, 1919, in Hastings, Nebraska. He was baptized the same day by Pastor Wilk. He received his Christian education in the school of St. Paul's congregation, Holstein, Nebraska. Here he was confirmed on March 20, 1932 by Pastor W. J. Oetting. He attended four years of High School at Holstein, Nebraska, where upon graduation he attended Kearney State Teachers College. There he also took up a course in war defense work, after which he went to Santa Monica, California, to enter the employ of the Douglas Aircraft Factory. While there he was inducted into the army entering the infantry branch of the service on May 10, 1943. He took his basic training at North Camp Hood, Texas. In October 1944, he went overseas. He was among those that fell in Belgium in the service of his country. This was on the 24th day of December the past year, 1944. His age at his death was 25 years, 11 months, 25 days.

His nearest of kin were notified of his death on his birthday, the 19th day of January, 1945.

His mother died at his birth and he and his two sisters were taken care of and raised by their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lukow, who preceded him in death. One brother, Elmer, and a sister Gertrude, also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his father, Hans F. Einspahr of Holstein; three brothers, Martin H. Einspahr, of Beaumont, Texas; Boatswains Mate Second Class Woodrow W. Einspahr, of the U. S. Navy, stationed at San Diego, California; and Detleff Einspahr of Minden, Nebraska; by two sisters, Mrs. Hulda Huckfeldt of Humboldt, Nebraska, and Mrs. Magdelyn Routh of Holstein, Nebraska; and a cousin Miss Bertha Lukow, of San Pedro, California, who, after the death of Mrs. Lukow, cared for him the remainder of his childhood years.

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"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Rom. 8, 28.